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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY GSL MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TOURISM

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1. GSL MIN OF SHIPPING AND TOURISM KALUGALLE'S TRAVEL PLANS HAVE BEEN ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN DUE TO FOOD CRISIS HERE AND UNCERTAINTY OF SCHEDULE FOR INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) MEETING WHICH BASIC REASON FOR MINISTER'S TRAVEL. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR CHILE, IPU MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR GENEVA OCT 20-28. LATEST WORD WE HAVE IS THAT KALUGALLE LEAVING COLOMBO OCT 10 FOR LONDON. HE WILL SPEND SEVERAL DAYS THERE AND MAY RPT MAY TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS ON "PRIVATE" VISIT PRIOR TO TRAVELING TO GENEVA OCT 20. (WE BELIEVE HIS DAUGHTER MAY HAVE PRECEDED HIM TO NEW YORK.) HIS OFFICE TELLS US HE HAS NO PLANS TRANSACT OFFICIAL BUSINESS WHILE IN US. FYI: ACCORDING TO CEYLON/USA CONFERENCE (C/USAC) SECRETARY ON OCT 6, NOTHING HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM C/USAC OWNERS IN RESPONSE TO CENTRAL FREIGHT BUREAU'S STRONG OBJECTION TO C/USAC RATE INCREASE. END FYI.

2. ALTHOUGH MINISTER MAY BE VISITING US ON PRIVATE BASIS, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPT TO GET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN TOUCH WITH CEYLONSE EMBASSY AND OFFER ANY APPROPRIATE

ASSISTANCE SHOULD MINISTER'S VISIT MATERIALIZE. KALUGALLE
IS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD US AND WAS HELPFUL IN OVERCOMING
DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN COMPLETING INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL HERE.
VAN HOLLEN

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